

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc.

The Northern Region



Northern Region celebrated their 60th Regional Conference in April, 2017 Hosted by Alpha Theta Chapter, in Romulus, MI

Northern Region Chapters and Basilei

Alpha (Detroit, MI): Marisa Pryor	Beta Tau [UG] (Cleveland, OH): Destinee Lewis
Beta (Detroit, MI): Karen Solomon Edwards	Beta Upsilon (Cleveland, OH): Consuelo D. Martin
Theta (Detroit, MI): Debra Braswell	Beta Phi (Toledo, OH): Kimberly Govan
Omega (Inkster, MI): Linda Reed	Gamma Lambda (Dayton, OH): Darline Long
Alpha Theta (Detroit, MI): Theresa A. Dillard	Gamma Mu (Detroit, MI): Vivian Shade
Alpha Nu (Xenia, OH): Kim Cole	Delta Omicron (Detroit, MI): Marie Quaker
Alpha Omega (Detroit, MI): Aida-Kai Anderson	Nu Phi (Cincinnati, OH): Angela Martin
Beta Alpha (Detroit, MI): Jacqueline Dixon	

The Northern Region of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc., encompasses all chapters in the states of Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. The first chapter, Alpha, is combined with graduate and undergraduate members, among its members today are descendants of our founders, Dr. Violet T. Lewis and Elizabeth Garner.

The Northern Region currently maintains undergraduate chapters with sorors from the Ohio based campus of Cleveland State.

The history of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. is rich in contributions from the Northern Region. Four of the National Presidents were elected from the Northern Region: Elizabeth Garner and Beatrice Preston of Detroit, MI, and Marie Rivers and Katherine Davis from Dayton, OH.

All 26 signers of the original Articles of Incorporation were from the Northern Region. The Region also boasts that its members included all "Original Pearls", a prestigious honor bestowed upon worthy sorors.

Our Sorority Pin, a beautiful gold pin presented to all new members of Gamma Phi Delta, was designed in the Northern Region by Elizabeth Garner. Our Sorority Hymn, which holds a special place in the hearts of all members, was arranged in the Northern region by Juanita Parnell. The original shield was designed by undergraduate Soror Talibah Fogel, a charter member of Beta Chi (Eastern Michigan University).

Each year, all chapters are required to highlight the talents of their youth during the "Artists of Tomorrow" program, originated in the Northern Region in 1944. The first National Conference and Executive Board meetings were held in the region.

Our dedication to youth and to our communities is a top priority. Among our affiliations, we maintain a life membership in the NAACP and the National Council of Negro Women headquartered in Washington D.C.

During our National Conferences, we have provided for as many as one hundred youth at one time to participate by financing air fare, hotel lodgings, uniforms and whatever else was needed. The Northern Region awards regional scholarships to deserving youth and deserving members as well.

Among our many community service events each year, our region participates in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk in our various cities. The Region has participated with the Detroit Chapter of the March of Dimes as it celebrated a "Fashion Extravaganza" which was organized by our sororities' co-founder Dr. Violet T. Lewis over sixty years ago.

The Northern Region is very proud to be the home of the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Headquarters building located in one of the many historic districts of the city of Detroit. Our building on West Grand Boulevard, is located directly across the street from the famed Motown Museum, and identified by commemorative light post banners.

Our first Regional Directors were appointed and they include Sorors Sadie Palmer, Kay Davis and Mary Miles respectively. In 1988, Soror Nellis J. Saunders was the first elected Director of the Northern Region. Subsequently, Sorors Jessie Shropshire, Marjorie Harris, Mary Murdock, Elma Peddy, Andrea Wright, Hellen Pacely, Joyce Phillips, Diana Minor, and Evelyn Berrien each served as Regional Director.

February 25, 2017, The Mighty Northern Region chartered a new chapter (Nu Phi) in Cincinnati, OH with ten new members. Soror Angela Martin serves as the Basileus.

Many of our chapters have youth auxiliaries that are very active in our community and within our sorority. Some of the many activities they participated in include: visiting nursing homes, serving at food banks, going on college tours, serving the Veterans and hungry during the holiday seasons, made no-sew blankets for the children of the women shelter and participating in etiquette training. We are extremely proud of our young people and whenever possible, they are showcased. Phi Teen Warenajah Thompson of Alpha Theta Chapter became the new president. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

Northern Region Elected Officers 2017-2019

Evelyn R. Berrien
Regional Directed

Marie Quaker
Assistant Regional Director/Organizer

Nina J. Abbott-Burton
Regional Grammateus

Hellen R. Pacely
Regional Financial Grammateus

Beverly C. Harris
Regional Tamias

Marisa Pryor
Regional Anti-Grammateus

Theresa A. Dillard
Regional Editor



National Theme: 2016 – 2020

***“The Power of Vision: Empowering Women and Inspiring Leaders*”**